Darren Parry, democratic Congressional candidate for Utah’s First District, is next up an interview with the CPD’s policy team on September 17 from 7 to 7:30 pm.

The interview will focus on his stance on disability issues.

“Getting to Know the Candidates: Disability Policy,” is a series of individual interviews with candidates up for election for a variety of offices. (Find a complete list of candidates who will be interviewed on our policy page. All interviews will be held over Zoom. Candidate interviews will also be archived on the CPD’s Policy page.)

Questions for all candidates will cover receiving a fair and appropriate education in the time of COVID-19; ways to increase the employment of Utahns with Disabilities during the pandemic; independent and accessible voting for people with disabilities; ways to better support service providers during the COVID-19 crisis; how to encourage the expansion of mental health services in Utah; and ensuring law enforcement officers are trained to handle situations involving people in a mental health crisis.

Darren Parry

Darren Parry has served as a Tribal Leader of the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation, a Utah Tribe with Headquarters in Brigham City, Utah. Councilman Parry has served on the council on two separate occasions and served the last six years.

Darren also serves on the Board of Directors for the American West Heritage Center in Wellsville, Utah; The Utah State Museum Board; the Community Advisory Board for the Huntsman Cancer Institute; the Northern Regional Advisory Council for Utah Division of Wildlife; and the American Indian Services Board, which provides scholarships for Native American Students around the country.

He attended the University of Utah and Weber State University and received his Bachelor’s Degree in Secondary Education, with an emphasis on History. Darren is the author of The Bear River Massacre; A Shoshone History and teaches Native American History at Utah State University. His passions in life are his family members: his wife Melody, 9 children, and 13 grandchildren. His other passion is his Tribal family.

Darren was the first Utahn to receive the Esto Perpetua Award from the Idaho State Historical Society, recognizing his efforts in the preservation of Shoshone History. He wants to make sure that those who have gone before him are not forgotten. He has managed inspiring accomplishments within his tribal nation as well as leading social unity and education. It is important to him that all people’s perspectives are heard and respected.

For more information on the candidate interviews, contact Aubrey Snyder.